

# Sharp Shooters

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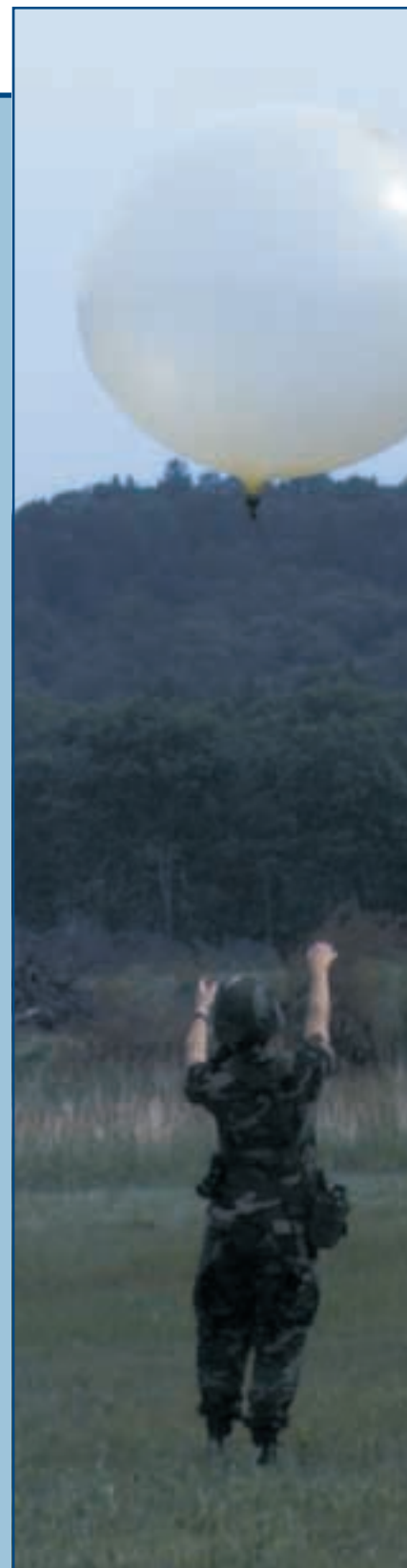
**D**EEP mud pits. Barren, burnt impact areas. Lush green fields and forests. Soldier-made sand tables. At Fort McCoy, Wis., soldiers learn to dominate and operate in all types of terrain. Photographers Lou Ann Mittelstaedt and Rob Schuette captured these images during realistic and battle-focused training.



Rob Schuette

Under the guidance of an instructor, students in the 88M military occupational specialty course practice vehicle-recovery techniques at the Vehicle Recovery Site on Fort McCoy's south post.

Members of Headquarters Battery of the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 57th Field Artillery send up a weather balloon at Fort McCoy's Warrens Drop Zone. The information sent back by the transponder attached to the balloon helps to develop the atmosphere models artillery units use to correct their fire.





Lou Ann Mittelstaedt



Rob Schuette

Wisconsin Guard soldiers rehearse a lane-training scenario on the grounds of the Wisconsin Military Academy at Fort McCoy.



Lou Ann Mittelstaedt

Members of the HHC mortar platoon of the Iowa Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry, prepare to fire an 81mm short-range training round at Fort McCoy's Badger Drop Zone.